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THE
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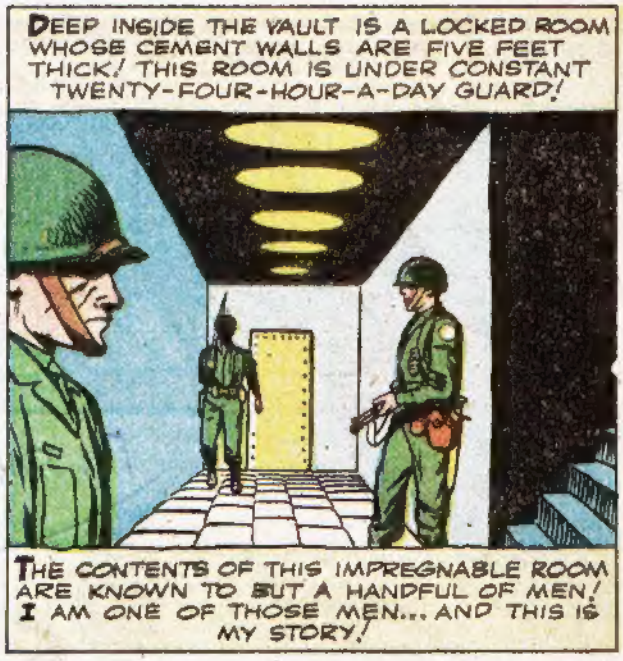
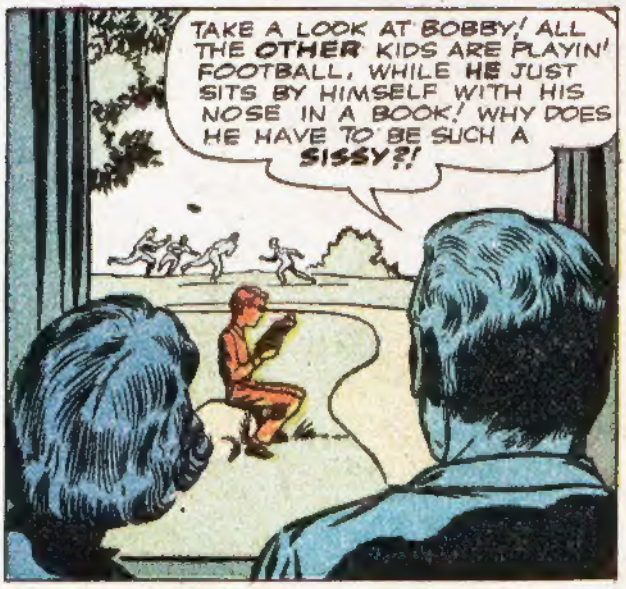
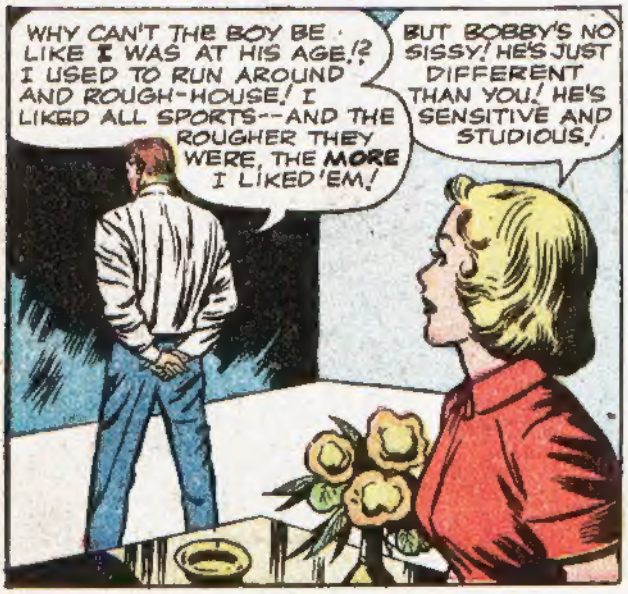
PART ONE

IN A LONELY AREA OF THE UNITED STATES STANDS A MILITARY INSTALLATION, BENEATH WHICH IS HIDDEN A SECRET UNDERGROUND VAULT!


DEEP INSIDE THE VAULT IS A LOCKED ROOM WHOSE CEMENT WALLS ARE FIVE FEET THICK! THIS ROOM IS UNDER CONSTANT TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR-A-DAY GUARD!
THE CONTENTS OF THIS IMPREGNABLE ROOM ARE KNOWN TO BUT A HANDFUL OF MEN! I AM ONE OF THOSE MEN... AND THIS IS MY STORY!

FIRST OFF, LET ME SAY MY NAME'S STEVE BRONSON! I'M AN EX-PRIZE-FIGHTER AND AN EX-MARINE! I'M ALSO A HUSBAND AND A FATHER... AND THAT'S HOW THE TROUBLE BEGAN!
ANNE?
YES, DEAR?


TAKE A LOOK AT BOBBY! ALL THE OTHER KIDS ARE PLAYIN' FOOTBALL, WHILE HE JUST SITS BY HIMSELF WITH HIS NOSE IN A BOOK! WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE SUCH A SISSY?!


WHY CAN'T THE BOY BE LIKE I WAS AT HIS AGE!? I USED TO RUN AROUND AND ROUGH-HOUSE! I LIKED ALL SPORTS--AND THE ROUGHER THEY WERE, THE MORE I LIKED 'EM!
BUT BOBBY'S NO SISSY! HE'S JUST DIFFERENT THAN YOU! HE'S SENSITIVE AND STUDIOUS!

CONFOUND IT!! I KNOW HE'S SENSITIVE AND STUDIOUS--AND I'M GONNA SEE THAT HE CHANGES! YOU, ME, AND HIM ARE GONNA TAKE A TRIP TO MEXICO! ROUGHING IT FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS IN THE OUTDOORS OUGHTTA DO THAT KID A WORLD OF GOOD!
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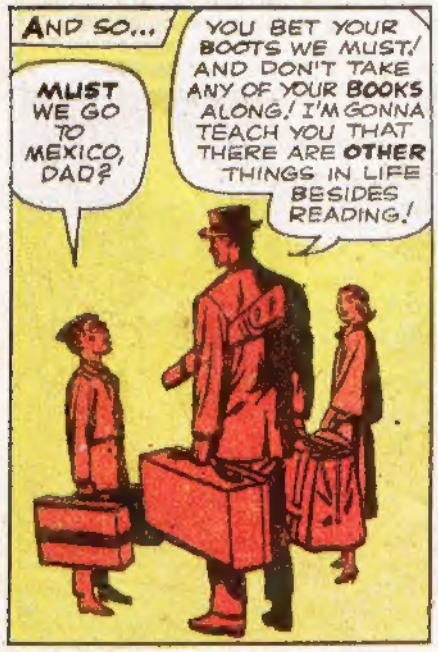
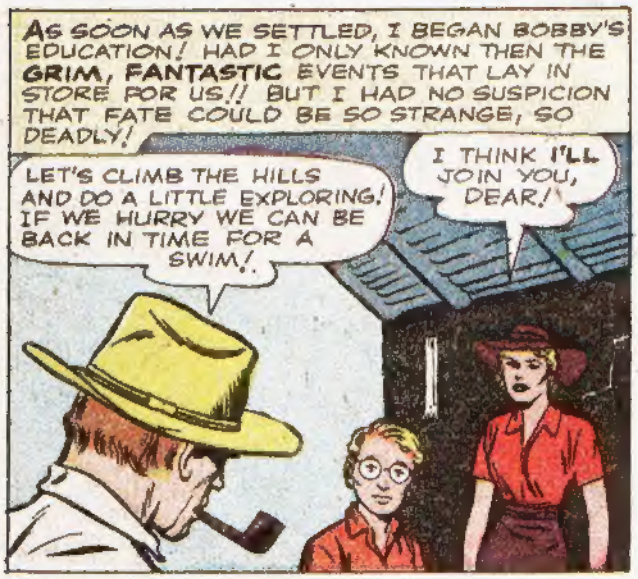
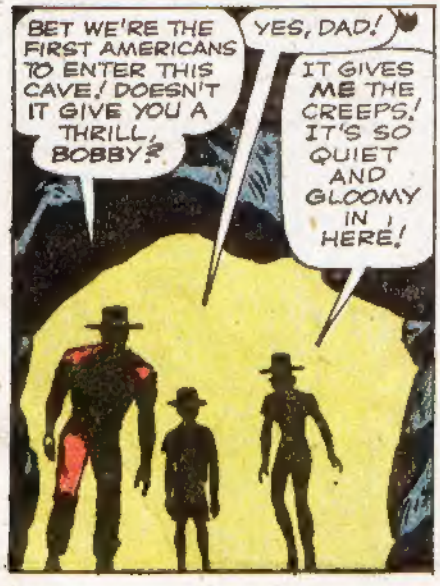

AND SO...
MUST WE GO TO MEXICO, DAD?
YOU BET YOUR BOOTS WE MUST! AND DON'T TAKE ANY OF YOUR BOOKS ALONG! I'M GONNA TEACH YOU THAT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS IN LIFE BESIDES READING!

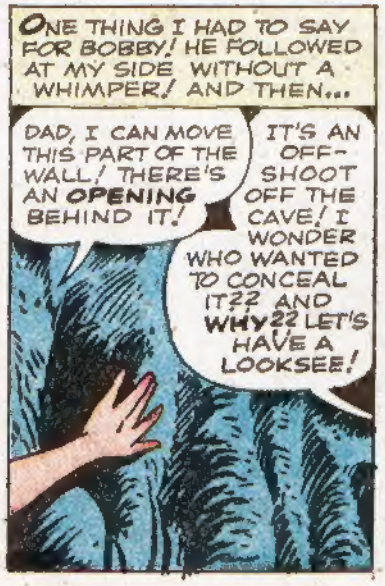
SEVERAL HOURS LATER...
THERE SHE IS! MEXICO, LAND OF MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE! THAT PLACE'LL DO WONDERS FOR THE KID!

AFTER WE LANDED, WE DROVE TO A VILLAGE NEAR THE SHORE!
OH, STEVE, MUST WE STAY IN ONE OF THOSE PRIMITIVE HUTS?!
WHY NOT? IF THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE NATIVES, THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR US!


AS SOON AS WE SETTLED, I BEGAN BOBBY'S EDUCATION! HAD I ONLY KNOWN THEN THE GRIM, FANTASTIC EVENTS THAT LAY IN STORE FOR US!! BUT I HAD NO SUSPICION THAT FATE COULD BE SO STRANGE, SO DEADLY!
LET'S CLIMB THE HILLS AND DO A LITTLE EXPLORING! IF WE HURRY WE CAN BE BACK IN TIME FOR A SWIM!
I THINK I'LL JOIN YOU, DEAR!

I KNEW THAT ANNE WAS ACCOMPANYING US IN ORDER TO KEEP A PROTECTIVE EYE ON BOBBY, BUT I DIDN'T CARE! I WAS DETERMINED TO TURN MY WEAKLING SON INTO A RUGGED HE-MAN AND NOBODY WAS GONNA STOP ME!
DO YOU HAVE TO CLIMB SO FAST, STEVE?!
I'M NOT FAST ...YOU'RE JUST SLOW! HEY! THERE ARE SOME CAVES UP AHEAD! LET'S EXPLORE 'EM!


BET WE'RE THE FIRST AMERICANS TO ENTER THIS CAVE! DOESN'T IT GIVE YOU A THRILL, BOBBY?
YES, DAD!
IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS! IT'S SO QUIET AND GLOOMY IN HERE!


ONE THING I HAD TO SAY FOR BOBBY! HE FOLLOWED AT MY SIDE WITHOUT A WHIMPER! AND THEN...
DAD, I CAN MOVE THIS PART OF THE WALL! THERE'S AN OPENING BEHIND IT!
IT'S AN OFF-SHOOT OFF THE CAVE! I WONDER WHO WANTED TO CONCEAL IT?? AND WHY?? LET'S HAVE A LOOKSEE!

WE ENTERED THE MYSTERIOUS TUNNEL! IT WAS SOMBER AND DARK, AND WORN BY TIME...
LOOK! OVER YONDER ...IN THE DARKNESS --I CAN SEE A DOOR!
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THE DOOR WAS LOCKED! I TRIED TO FORCE IT OPEN, BUT IT WOULDN'T BUDGE!
WHAT IN BLAZES IS AN IRON DOOR DOING DOWN HERE?
IT'S TOO HEAVY! I'LL NEVER OPEN IT THIS WAY!
SO I TOOK SOME BLASTING POWDER AND SET OFF A CHARGE!
STAY BACK!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, BOBBY?
SURE, MOM!
BOOM!
IT'S SO CLOSE AND MUSTY IN HERE, I CAN HARDLY BREATHE!
THIS CHAMBER MUST HAVE BEEN SEALED FOR YEARS! NOT EVEN AIR COULD GET INTO THE PLACE!
I FLASHED MY LIGHT... OVER ANCIENT CREVICES AND JAGGED STONES... UNTIL I SAW A LARGE FIGURE IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM!
STEVE, WHAT-- WHAT IS THAT??
LOOKS LIKE A STATUE OF SOME SORT!
DAD! THE STATUE--IT JUST MOVED!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, SON! IT MUST'VE BEEN YOUR IMAGINATION!
NO, STEVE-- BOBBY'S RIGHT! I SAW THE FIGURE STIR, TOO! LOOK--THERE IT GOES AGAIN!!
AIR!!! LIGHT!!! THEY AWAKEN ME FROM MY CENTURIES OF SLUMBER! ONCE AGAIN DO I MOVE... ONCE AGAIN DO I SPEAK!
IT- IT'S ALIVE!! IT'S NOT A STATUE --IT'S A LIVING BEING!
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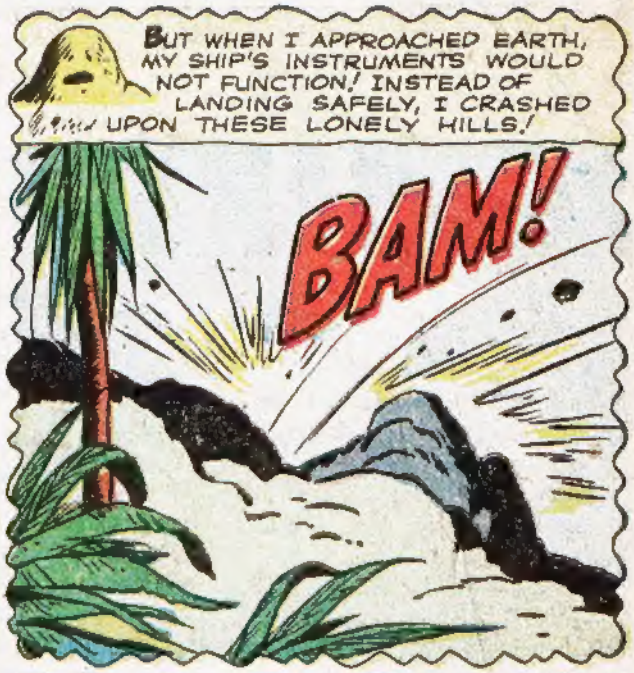
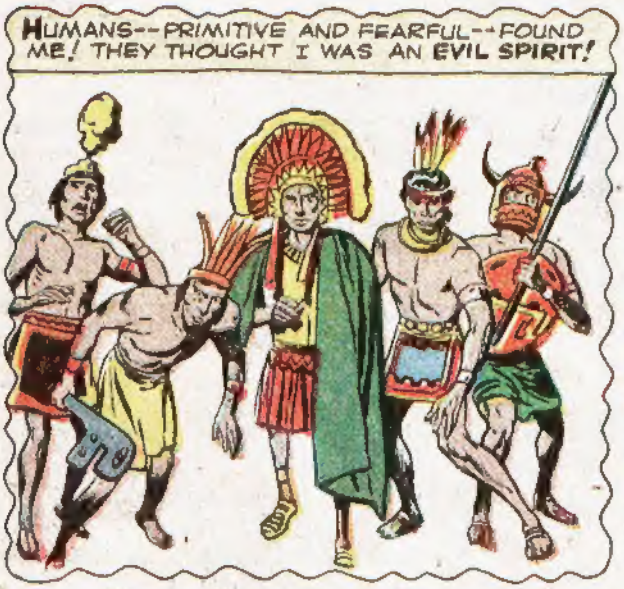
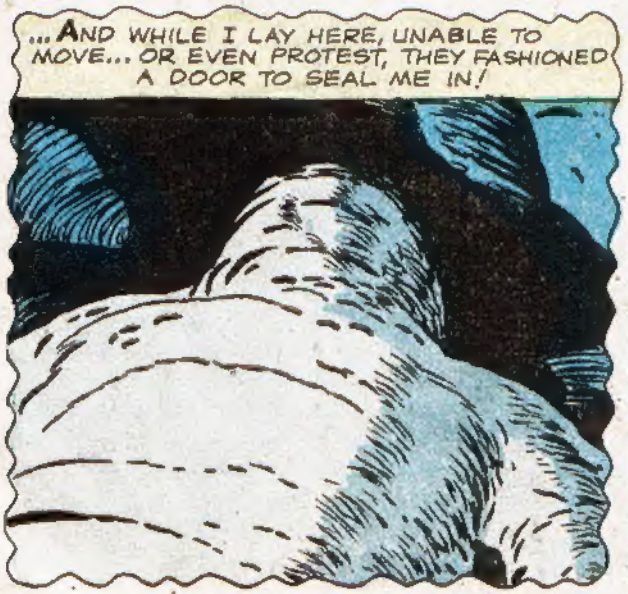
I LOOKED--I SAW-- BUT I COULDN'T BELIEVE! IT WAS TOO FANTASTIC! TOO IMPOSSIBLE!!
WHO ARE YOU?? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS CAVE??
I AM...THE SANDMAN!! I CAME TO EARTH AGES AGO, FROM ANOTHER WORLD!


BUT WHEN I APPROACHED EARTH, MY SHIP'S INSTRUMENTS WOULD NOT FUNCTION! INSTEAD OF LANDING SAFELY, I CRASHED UPON THESE LONELY HILLS!
BAM!





SO, IMPRISONED WITHOUT AIR, WITHOUT LIGHT, I REMAINED IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION FOR LO THESE MANY YEARS! BUT NOW, NOW I AM AGAIN FREE TO CARRY OUT MY MASTER PLAN!
WH-WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?
DO YOU NOT SUSPECT? IT IS TO CONQUER YOUR PUNY PLANET EARTH!
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BIRD TALK

ALL the kids on the block were getting parakeets. The small, colorful birds with their amusing way of repeating words and sounds were favorites. Even Skeets Mulligan, the town toughie, had decided to adopt one.

"Maybe it'll be good training should I decide to become a wild bird trainer," he boasted to little Tony Tipple.

Tony sighed heavily. Young as he was, he knew that Skeets was trying to cover up. Skeets had always claimed that being the guardian of a parakeet was sissy stuff until his folks came across with one for his birthday. And now Tony was just about the only kid around who didn't have a pet. What's more, his hopes of getting one were as bright as a storm cloud.

That was because Tony had already collected his share of gifts for that year. His folks had scraped together all the money they could afford to buy him a second-hand bike. Tony was grateful, but he wished he could have a parakeet of his own now.

When he set out on his paper route that afternoon, his mother asked him if anything was bothering him.

"You got something worrying you, Tony?" she asked kindly.

Tony took one look at Mom and knew that he couldn't take advantage. Mom was always denying herself new things to try to give her kids what they needed. He couldn't be selfish about this new pet he wanted.

"No, nothing's wrong at all, Mom," he answered brightly. And with a wave of his hand he set off.

Up the street he met Toodles Murphy going into his house on the corner.

"Hey, Tony, come have a look at Small Talk. He can speak real good now."

Tony followed Toodles into his house to have a look at the parakeet.

"Hello! How are you? Goodbye, please," the bird called out as soon as he saw them.

The boys laughed. Toodles' mother came into the room and smiled at them.

"Let's take Small Talk out of his cage," Toodles pleaded. "I want to show Tony how he sits on my shoulder."

"But you must be very careful to see if the windows and the doors are closed before I let him out," Mrs. Murphy cautioned.

Toodles obediently checked these things.

"What are you doing that for?" asked Tony.

"If we don't the parakeet is likely to fly away, and we'll never be able to catch up with him," Toodles explained. "They're quick about flying off. You've got to watch that they don't get away."

After Toodles put Small Talk through his paces, Tony got up to leave. Reluctantly, he pulled himself away to finish his paper deliveries.

On his way back, he cut through the courthouse square. In front of the building was an old man dressed in some of the most colorful and outlandish clothing Tony had ever seen. The fellow's hat was orange, his coat blue, his trousers yellow, and he looked as if he might be a circus performer looking for a ring to play in. If he was, he was going about it in a very nearsighted manner, Tony had to admit. The fellow's pointed nose was toward the ground. He held his ear with his hand as if he could hear better this way. But things were pretty quiet around the courthouse at this hour except for the cluster of pigeons that swooped down every now and then for a brief perch on the walks.

"Are you looking for something?" asked Tony politely. "If I can be of any help to you . . ."

The fellow looked at Tony suspiciously.

"Why aren't you at home doing your homework? You young fellows stay out much too late nowadays. I certainly didn't think I'd have any interruptions in my work now."

"I was just coming back from my paper route," Tony explained.

The queer fellow whipped out a pad and began to scratch down some numbers.

"This inventory problem gets more complicated every year," he said with annoyance. "Now be quiet for a second. I want to find out some valuable information."

Tony stared as the fellow inclined his head toward a group

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"CONQUER THE PLANET EARTH!" WITH THOSE WORDS, THE INCREDIBLE DREAM BECAME A NIGHTMARE! I HAD TO ACT --AND FAST!
ANNE! TAKE BOBBY AND GET AWAY FROM HERE! I'M GONNA SEE THAT THIS JOKER NEVER LEAVES THIS CAVE!
ALL MY SAVAGE, FIGHTING INSTINCTS WELLED WITHIN ME! I PUNCHED, HIT, PUMMELED THE TOWERING MENACE WITH EVERYTHING I HAD, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE RAIN!
ALL I'M DOING IS SCATTERING SAND!
AND EVERY TIME I SCATTERED THE SAND, IT CAME BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!
THE--THE SAND'S REGROUPING, AS THOUGH EACH GRAIN HAS A LIFE OF ITS OWN!!
YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME, HUMAN! YOUR ATTEMPT IS FUTILE!
AND NOW YOU SHALL LEARN WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DARE ATTACK THE SANDMAN!
THE SAND COVERED MY FACE! I COULDN'T BREATHE! I WAS HELPLESS... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE... COMPLETELY HELPLESS!
DO YOU SURRENDER, EARTHLING?? DO YOU??
FINALLY, WHEN I COULD TAKE NO MORE...
YES... YES! I SURRENDER!
SO BE IT! NOW AWAIT MY BIDDING, FOR YOU SHALL BE OF USE TO ME!
STEVE! WHAT HAPPENED ?!!
ALL MY STRENGTH --ALL MY FIGHTING SKILL... IT WASN'T ENOUGH!! HE BEAT ME--EASY!
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, THE THREE OF YOU WILL HEED THE SANDMAN AND OBEY! IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR LIVES!!
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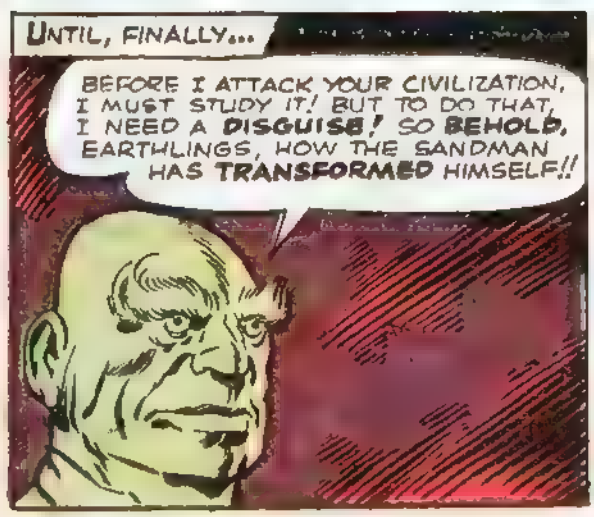
PART 2

I HAD FOUGHT THE SANDMAN AND HAD BEEN DEFEATED! NOW ALL I COULD DO WAS BIDE MY TIME UNTIL THERE WAS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO OPPOSE THE FANTASTIC, UNEARTHLY MENACE!

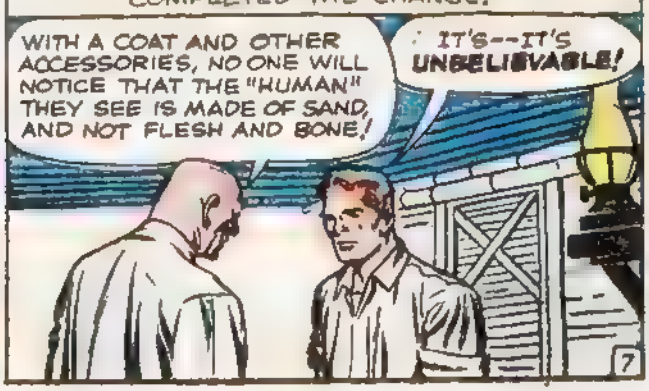
YOU MADE US WAIT TILL NIGHTFALL SO YOU WOULDN'T BE SEEN COMING DOWN FROM THE HILLS!
BUT WHY ARE YOU GOING TO OUR HUT?
TO MAKE CERTAIN PREPARATIONS... AS YOU WILL SOON DISCOVER!

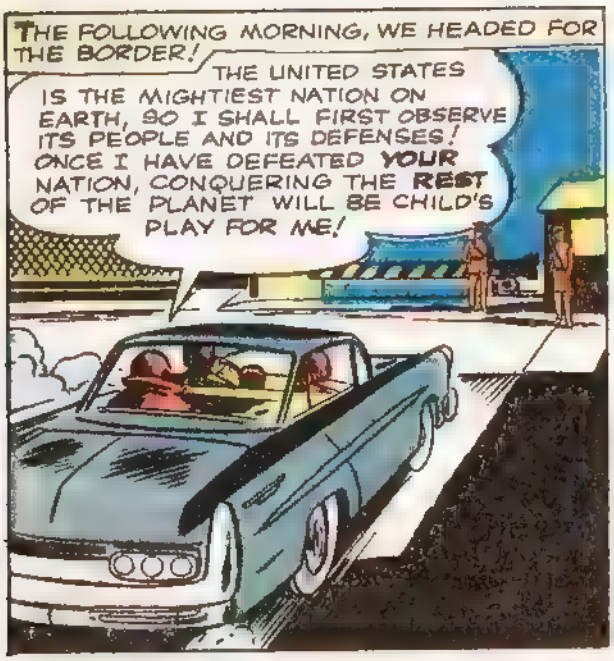
WHILE WE WATCHED, AWED AND HELPLESS, THE AMAZING CREATURE OF SAND REARRANGED HIS COUNTLESS PARTICLES-- MOLDED HIS STRANGE, ALIEN FEATURES INTO HUMAN FORMS AND SHAPES!

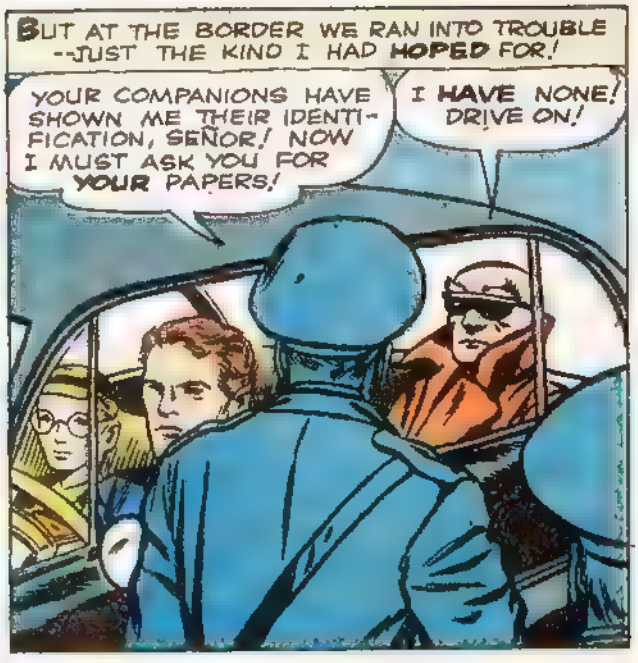
UNTIL, FINALLY...


BEFORE I ATTACK YOUR CIVILIZATION, I MUST STUDY IT! BUT TO DO THAT, I NEED A DISGUISE! SO BEHOLD, EARTHLINGS, HOW THE SANDMAN HAS TRANSFORMED HIMSELF!!

HE COMPLETED THE HUMAN DISGUISE BY A CONDENSATION OF ALL HIS SAND GRAINS WHICH REDUCED HIS HEIGHT TO SIX FEET! BORROWING SOME OF MY CLOTHES, HE COMPLETED THE CHANGE!


WITH A COAT AND OTHER ACCESSORIES, NO ONE WILL NOTICE THAT THE "HUMAN" THEY SEE IS MADE OF SAND, AND NOT FLESH AND BONE!
IT'S--IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

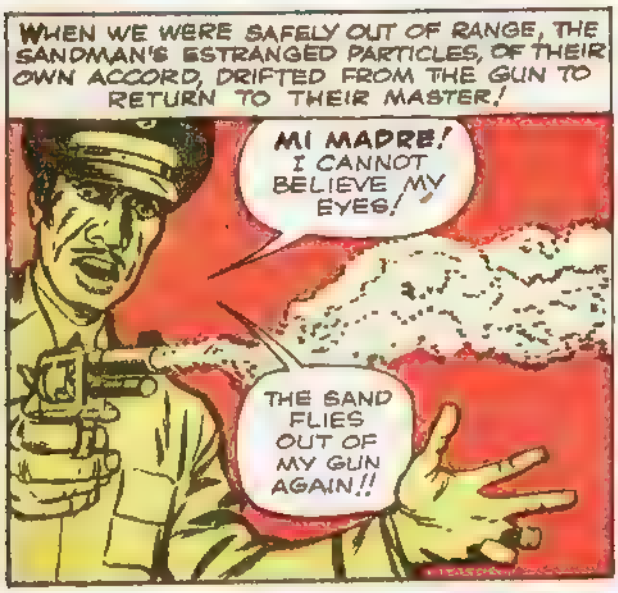

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, WE HEADED FOR THE BORDER!
THE UNITED STATES IS THE MIGHTIEST NATION ON EARTH, SO I SHALL FIRST OBSERVE ITS PEOPLE AND ITS DEFENSES! ONCE I HAVE DEFEATED YOUR NATION, CONQUERING THE REST OF THE PLANET WILL BE CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME!

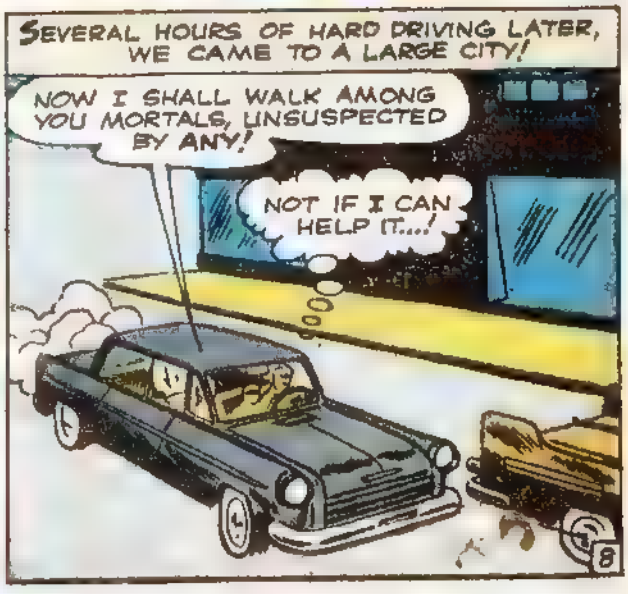

BUT AT THE BORDER WE RAN INTO TROUBLE --JUST THE KIND I HAD HOPED FOR!
YOUR COMPANIONS HAVE SHOWN ME THEIR IDENTIFICATION, SEÑOR! NOW I MUST ASK YOU FOR YOUR PAPERS!
I HAVE NONE! DRIVE ON!

NO, DRIVER! TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THAT ACCELERATOR!
AND YOU, SEÑOR, WILL BE SO KIND AS TO STEP OUT OF THAT CAR!

FOOL--YOU THINK TO OPPOSE ME WITH SO PUNY A WEAPON??!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!!

MY GUN IS FILLED WITH SAND!??
NOW DRIVE ON! THE GUARD CANNOT FIRE HIS WEAPON!


WHEN WE WERE SAFELY OUT OF RANGE, THE SANDMAN'S ESTRANGED PARTICLES, OF THEIR OWN ACCORD, DRIFTED FROM THE GUN TO RETURN TO THEIR MASTER!
MI MADRE! I CANNOT BELIEVE MY EYES!
THE SAND FLIES OUT OF MY GUN AGAIN!!


SEVERAL HOURS OF HARD DRIVING LATER, WE CAME TO A LARGE CITY!
NOW I SHALL WALK AMONG YOU MORTALS, UNSUSPECTED BY ANY!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT...!
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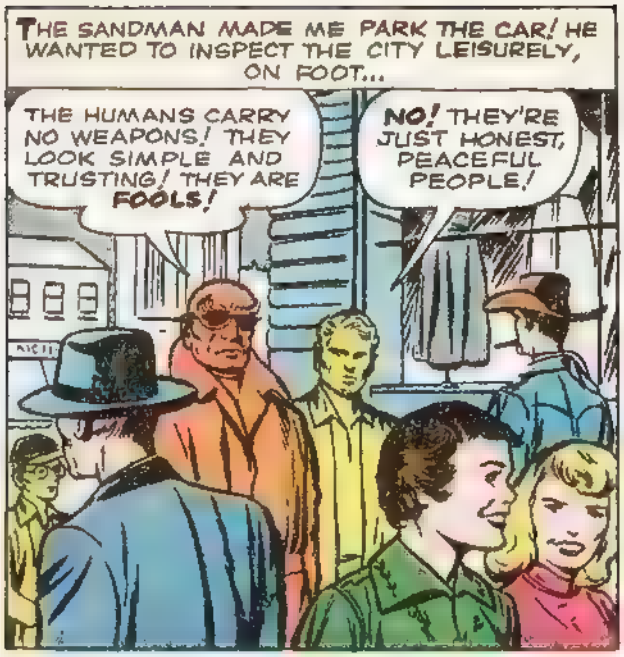
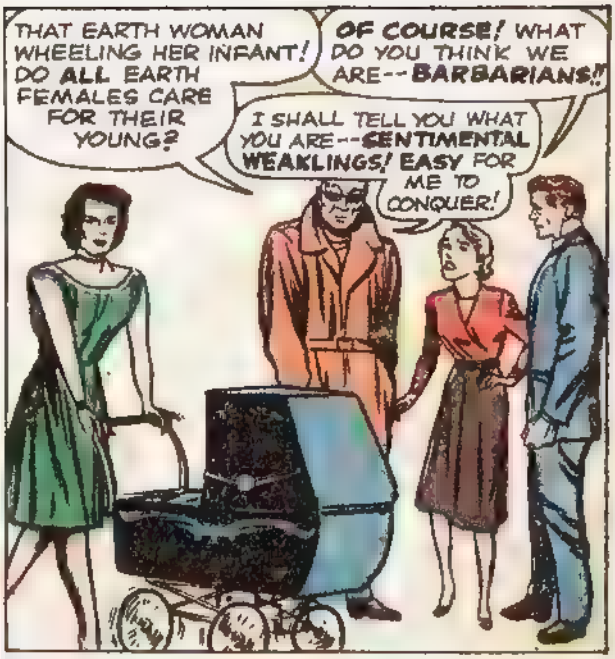
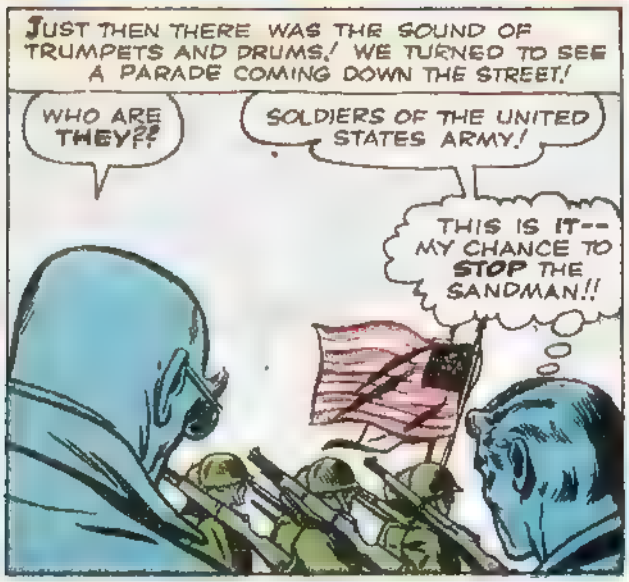
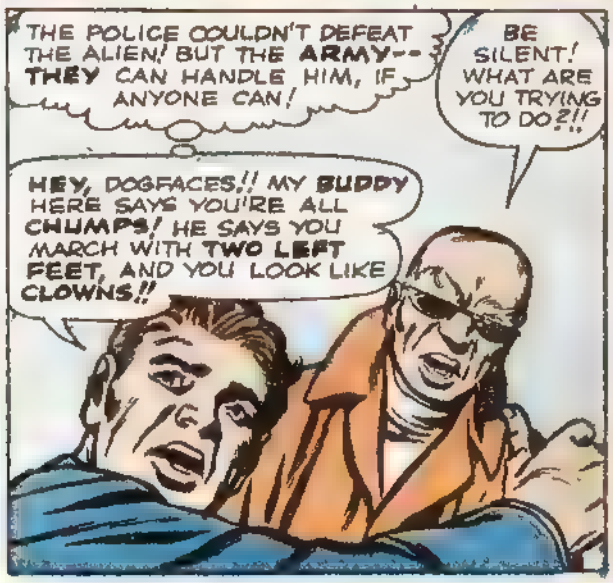
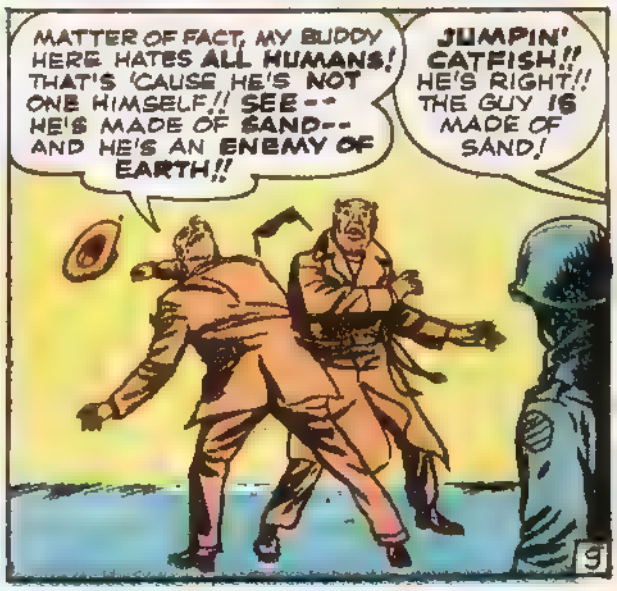

THE SANDMAN MADE ME PARK THE CAR! HE WANTED TO INSPECT THE CITY LEISURELY, ON FOOT...
THE HUMANS CARRY NO WEAPONS! THEY LOOK SIMPLE AND TRUSTING! THEY ARE FOOLS!
NO! THEY'RE JUST HONEST, PEACEFUL PEOPLE!


THAT EARTH WOMAN WHEELING HER INFANT! DO ALL EARTH FEMALES CARE FOR THEIR YOUNG?
OF COURSE! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE ARE--BARBARIANS!!
I SHALL TELL YOU WHAT YOU ARE--SENTIMENTAL WEAKLINGS! EASY FOR ME TO CONQUER!


JUST THEN THERE WAS THE SOUND OF TRUMPETS AND DRUMS! WE TURNED TO SEE A PARADE COMING DOWN THE STREET!
WHO ARE THEY?!
SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY!
THIS IS IT--MY CHANCE TO STOP THE SANDMAN!!


THE POLICE COULDN'T DEFEAT THE ALIEN! BUT THE ARMY--THEY CAN HANDLE HIM, IF ANYONE CAN!
BE SILENT! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!!
HEY, DOGFACES!! MY BUDDY HERE SAYS YOU'RE ALL CHUMPS! HE SAYS YOU MARCH WITH TWO LEFT FEET, AND YOU LOOK LIKE CLOWNS!!

MY BUDDY SAYS ALL SOLDIERS ARE COWARDS! HE SAYS HE CAN LICK ANY THREE OF YOU WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND HIM!
WELL WELL! THE THREE OF US HAPPEN TO BE OFF-DUTY!
YEAH!
SO LET'S GIVE HIM A CHANCE! I'LL TACKLE 'IM FIRST!


MATTER OF FACT, MY BUDDY HERE HATES ALL HUMANS! THAT'S 'CAUSE HE'S NOT ONE HIMSELF!! SEE--HE'S MADE OF SAND--AND HE'S AN ENEMY OF EARTH!!
JUMPIN' CATFISH!! HE'S RIGHT!! THE GUY IS MADE OF SAND!

NOW THE PRETENSE WAS ENDED! THE SANDMAN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO REVEAL HIMSELF!
IT MATTERS NOT THAT I AM DISCOVERED, FOR I HAVE ALREADY SEEN ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT I CAN DEFEAT MANKIND!
STUNNED BY THE TERRIFYING, AWESOME SIGHT, AND THE FEARSOME THREAT, THE CROWD BACKED AWAY, ALLOWING THE SOLDIERS TO FIRE THEIR WEAPONS AT THE MENACING ALIEN!
OUR BULLETS ARE GOING RIGHT THROUGH HIM! THEY'RE NOT HARMING HIM!!
DID YOU REALLY EXPECT TO HURT A CREATURE OF SAND WITH LITTLE PELLETS?! HA! HA! HA!
BUT THE G.I.'s WEREN'T THROUGH YET!
WHAT BULLETS CAN'T DO, GAS CAN!!
INDEED IT CAN, IF I WERE TO INHALE ITS LETHAL FUMES!
BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I DO NOT BREATHE!! AND SO YOUR GAS IS USELESS AGAINST ME!!
FINALLY, IN DESPERATION, AN ARMORED TANK WAS BROUGHT INTO PLAY!
WE'LL FINISH HIM! NOTHING CAN STAND UP TO THIS BABY! NOTHING!
HE'S SQUEEZING RIGHT INTO THE TANK!
I CAN'T HOLD HIM BACK! HE'S COMING CLOSER! CLOSER!
I-I CAN'T SEE!
TURN ME LOOSE!
ALL WHO DEFY THE SANDMAN MUST SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
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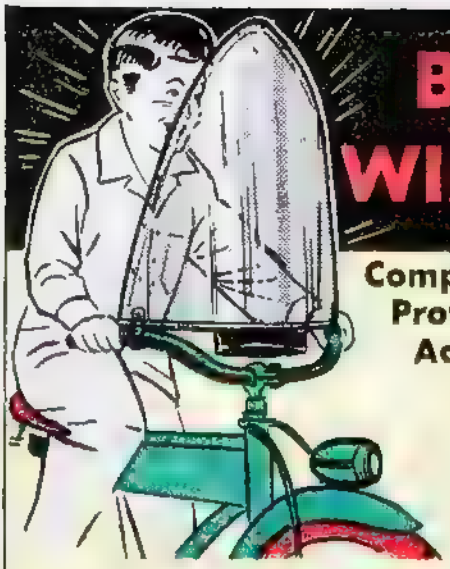

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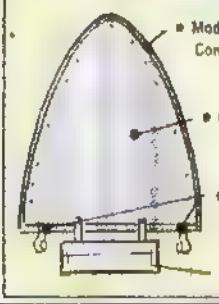

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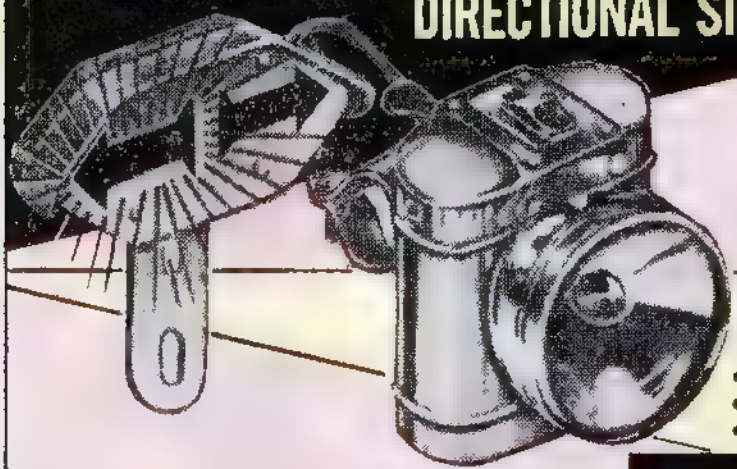

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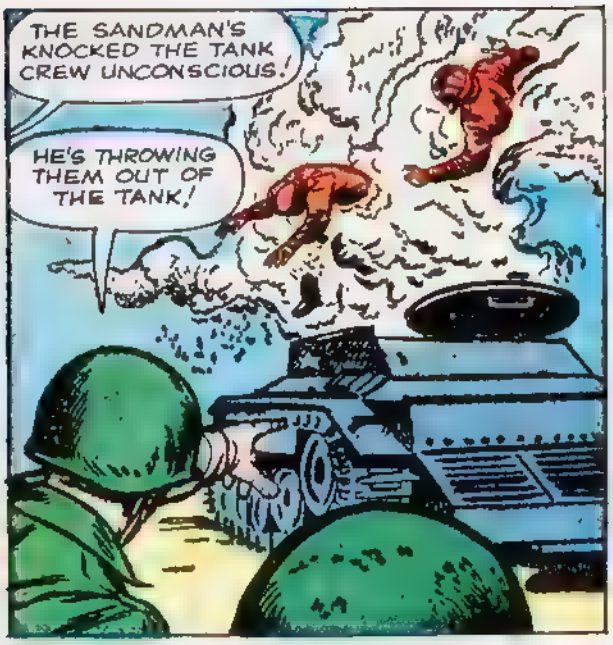
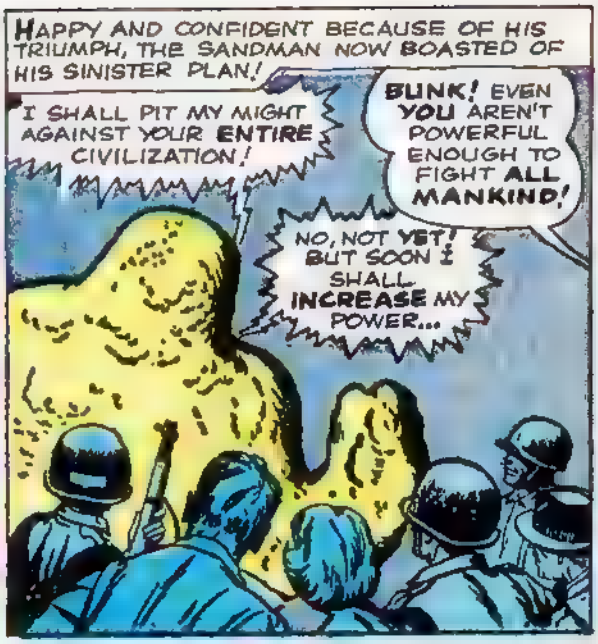
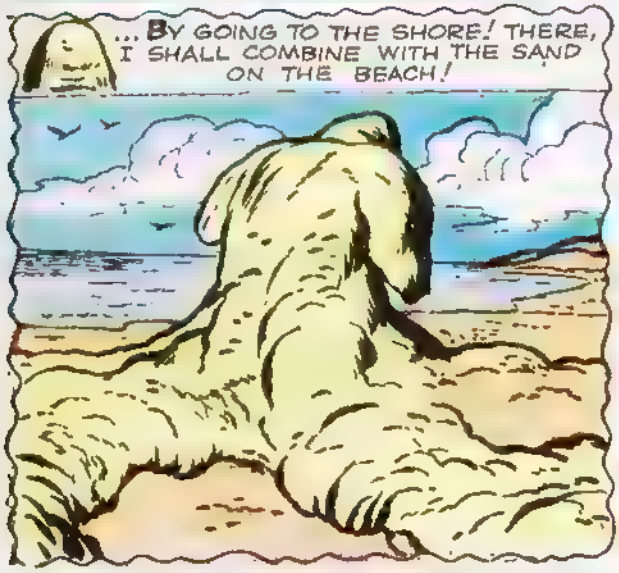
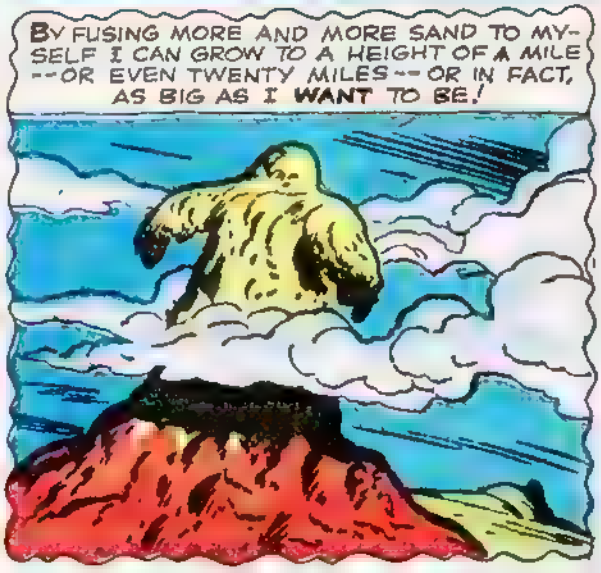
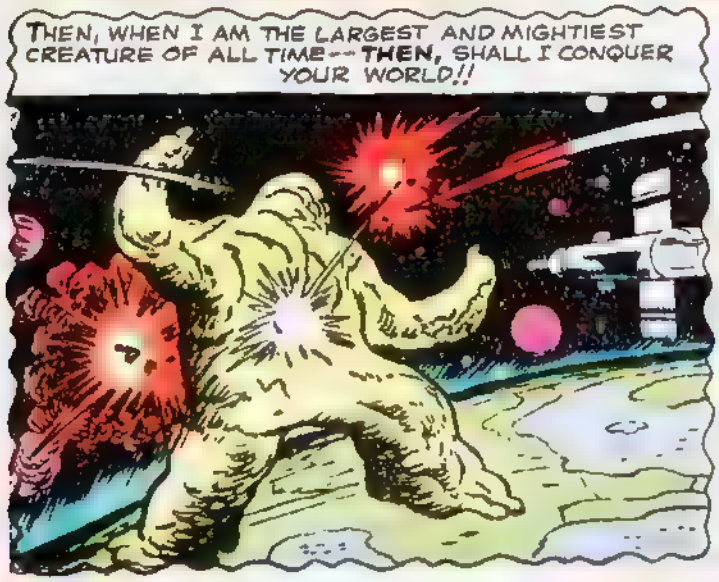
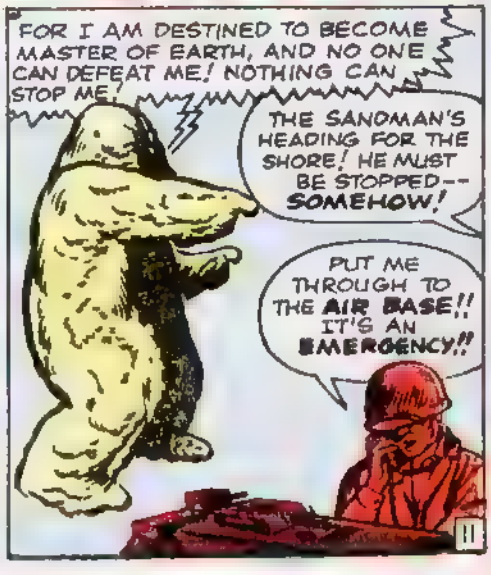

THE SANDMAN'S KNOCKED THE TANK CREW UNCONSCIOUS!
HE'S THROWING THEM OUT OF THE TANK!

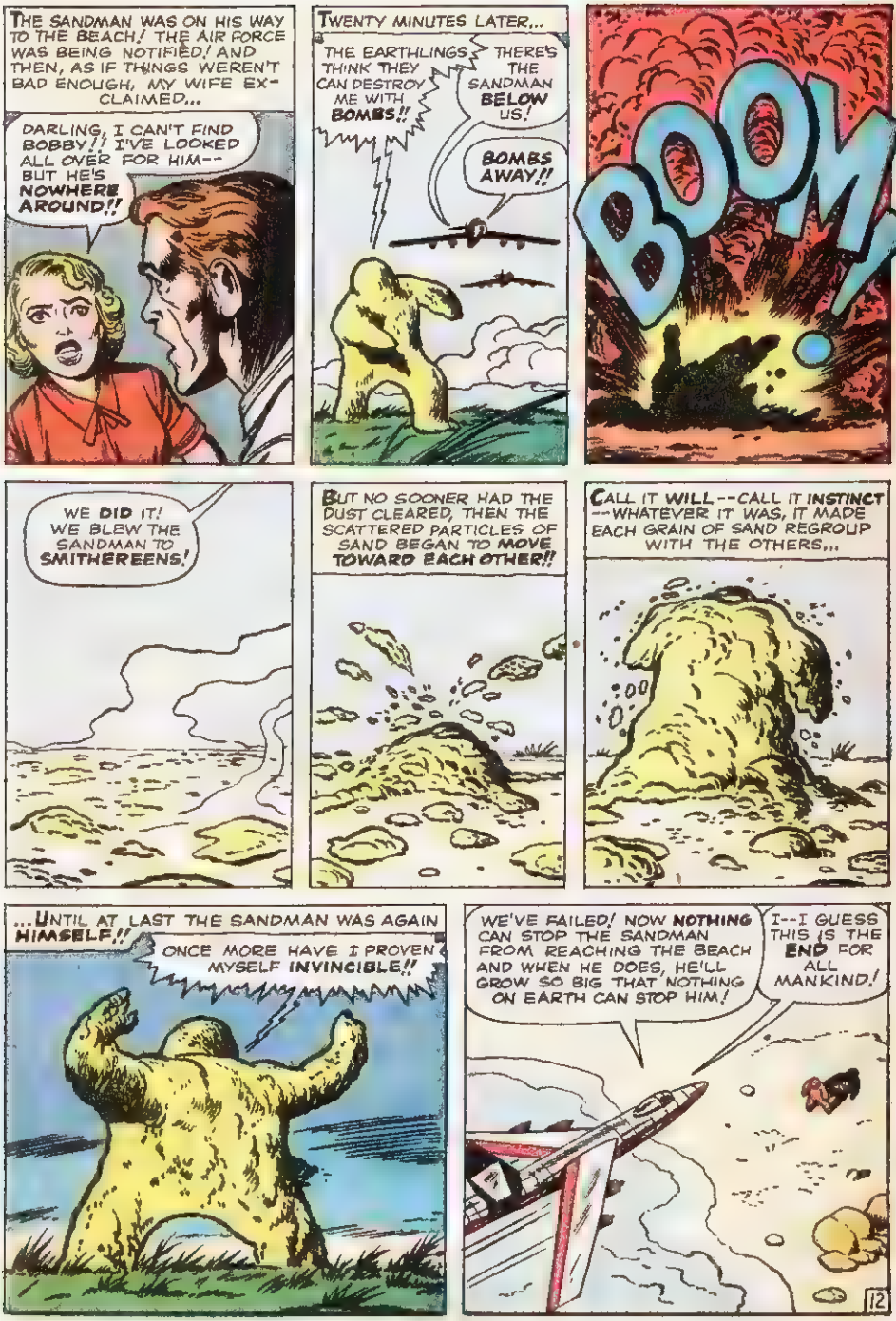

HAPPY AND CONFIDENT BECAUSE OF HIS TRIUMPH, THE SANDMAN NOW BOASTED OF HIS SINISTER PLAN!
I SHALL PIT MY MIGHT AGAINST YOUR ENTIRE CIVILIZATION!
BUNK! EVEN YOU AREN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO FIGHT ALL MANKIND!
NO, NOT YET! BUT SOON I SHALL INCREASE MY POWER...

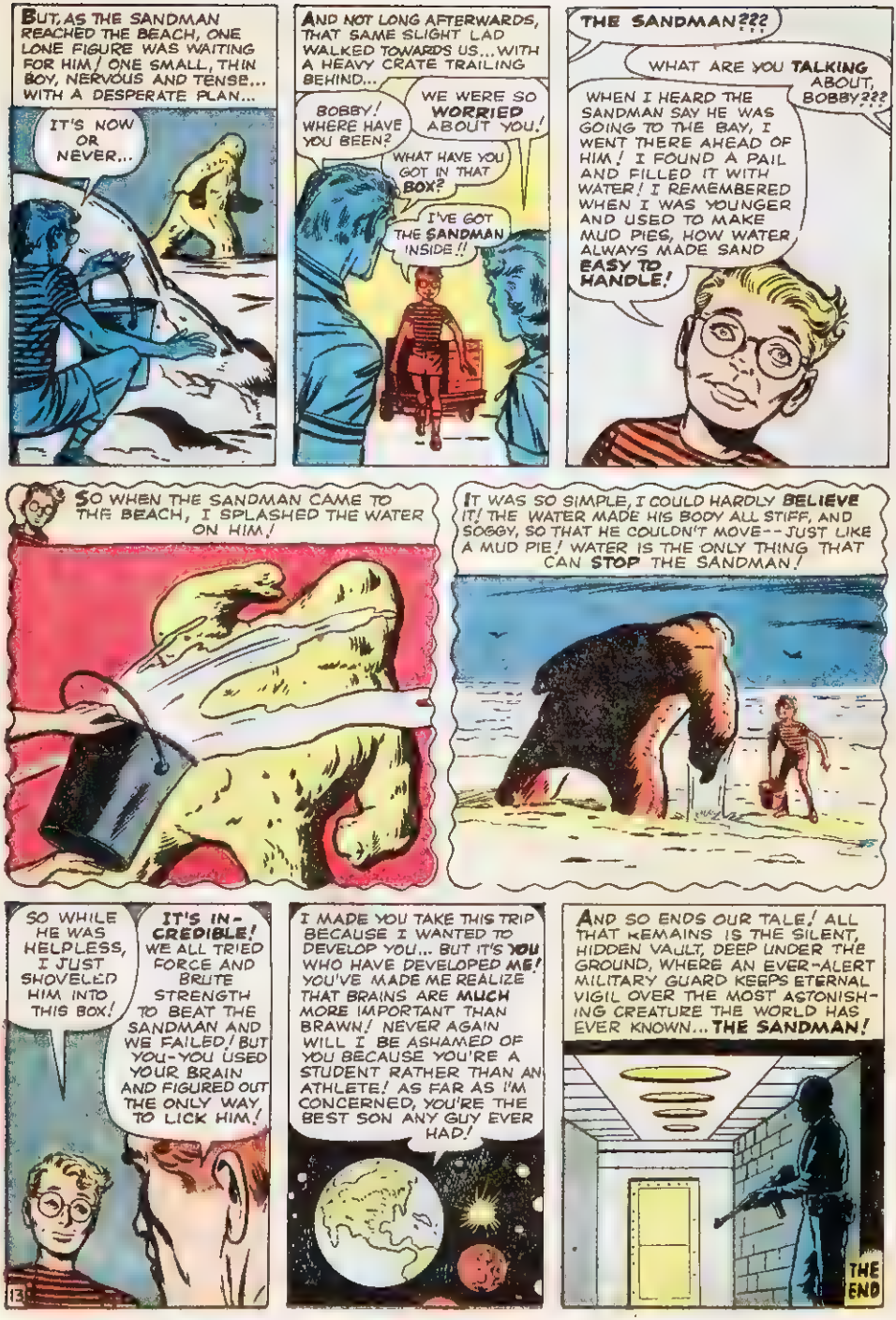

... BY GOING TO THE SHORE! THERE, I SHALL COMBINE WITH THE SAND ON THE BEACH!


BY FUSING MORE AND MORE SAND TO MYSELF I CAN GROW TO A HEIGHT OF A MILE --OR EVEN TWENTY MILES -- OR IN FACT, AS BIG AS I WANT TO BE!


THEN, WHEN I AM THE LARGEST AND MIGHTIEST CREATURE OF ALL TIME -- THEN, SHALL I CONQUER YOUR WORLD!!


FOR I AM DESTINED TO BECOME MASTER OF EARTH, AND NO ONE CAN DEFEAT ME! NOTHING CAN STOP ME!
THE SANDMAN'S HEADING FOR THE SHORE! HE MUST BE STOPPED -- SOMEHOW!
PUT ME THROUGH TO THE AIR BASE!! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!!


THE SANDMAN WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE BEACH! THE AIR FORCE WAS BEING NOTIFIED! AND THEN, AS IF THINGS WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH, MY WIFE EXCLAIMED...
DARLING, I CAN'T FIND BOBBY!! I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR HIM--BUT HE'S NOWHERE AROUND!!
TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
THE EARTHLINGS THINK THEY CAN DESTROY ME WITH BOMBS!!
THERE'S THE SANDMAN BELOW US!
BOMBS AWAY!!
BOOM!
WE DID IT! WE BLEW THE SANDMAN TO SMITHEREENS!
BUT NO SOONER HAD THE DUST CLEARED, THEN THE SCATTERED PARTICLES OF SAND BEGAN TO MOVE TOWARD EACH OTHER!!
CALL IT WILL--CALL IT INSTINCT --WHATEVER IT WAS, IT MADE EACH GRAIN OF SAND REGROUP WITH THE OTHERS...
...UNTIL AT LAST THE SANDMAN WAS AGAIN HIMSELF!!
ONCE MORE HAVE I PROVEN MYSELF INVINCIBLE!!
WE'VE FAILED! NOW NOTHING CAN STOP THE SANDMAN FROM REACHING THE BEACH AND WHEN HE DOES, HE'LL GROW SO BIG THAT NOTHING ON EARTH CAN STOP HIM!
I--I GUESS THIS IS THE END FOR ALL MANKIND!


BUT, AS THE SANDMAN REACHED THE BEACH, ONE LONE FIGURE WAS WAITING FOR HIM! ONE SMALL, THIN BOY, NERVOUS AND TENSE... WITH A DESPERATE PLAN...
IT'S NOW OR NEVER...
AND NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, THAT SAME SLIGHT LAD WALKED TOWARDS US... WITH A HEAVY CRATE TRAILING BEHIND...
BOBBY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN THAT BOX?
I'VE GOT THE SANDMAN INSIDE!!
THE SANDMAN???
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, BOBBY???
WHEN I HEARD THE SANDMAN SAY HE WAS GOING TO THE BAY, I WENT THERE AHEAD OF HIM! I FOUND A PAIL AND FILLED IT WITH WATER! I REMEMBERED WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND USED TO MAKE MUD PIES, HOW WATER ALWAYS MADE SAND EASY TO HANDLE!
SO WHEN THE SANDMAN CAME TO THE BEACH, I SPLASHED THE WATER ON HIM!
IT WAS SO SIMPLE, I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT! THE WATER MADE HIS BODY ALL STIFF, AND SOGGY, SO THAT HE COULDN'T MOVE--JUST LIKE A MUD PIE! WATER IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN STOP THE SANDMAN!
SO WHILE HE WAS HELPLESS, I JUST SHOVELED HIM INTO THIS BOX!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! WE ALL TRIED FORCE AND BRUTE STRENGTH TO BEAT THE SANDMAN AND WE FAILED! BUT YOU--YOU USED YOUR BRAIN AND FIGURED OUT THE ONLY WAY TO LICK HIM!
I MADE YOU TAKE THIS TRIP BECAUSE I WANTED TO DEVELOP YOU... BUT IT'S YOU WHO HAVE DEVELOPED ME! YOU'VE MADE ME REALIZE THAT BRAINS ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN BRAWN! NEVER AGAIN WILL I BE ASHAMED OF YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE A STUDENT RATHER THAN AN ATHLETE! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE THE BEST SON ANY GUY EVER HAD!
AND SO ENDS OUR TALE! ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE SILENT, HIDDEN VAULT, DEEP UNDER THE GROUND, WHERE AN EVER-ALERT MILITARY GUARD KEEPS ETERNAL VIGIL OVER THE MOST ASTONISHING CREATURE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN... THE SANDMAN!
THE END
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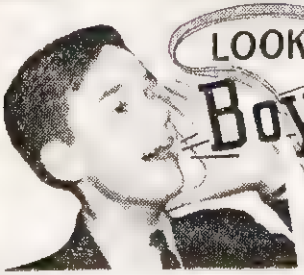

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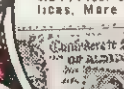

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MAN, I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO BE FREE! ANYTHING!!
AND THAT WAS WHEN I NOTICED THE QUEER SMELL!
IT'S AS IF SOMETHING WAS BURNING!
I TURNED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ODOR AND SAW A GUY STANDING RIGHT THERE IN MY CELL!
HEY!! W-WHO ARE YOU?? HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE???
YOU REQUESTED ME!
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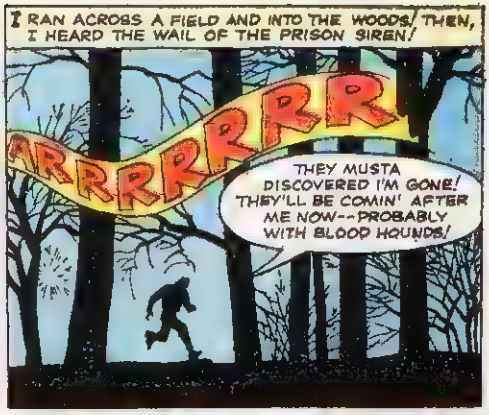
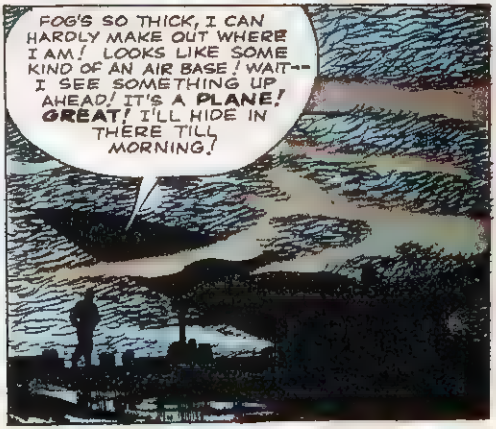
MY NAME AND METHOD OF TRAVEL ARE UNIMPORTANT! WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THE PROPOSITION I HAVE FOR YOU!
HUH?
JUST NOW YOU EXPRESSED A WISH TO BE FREE! I CAN GRANT YOU THAT WISH... AND MORE! I CAN GIVE YOU A THOUSAND YEARS OF LIFE!
LOOK, WHAT IS THIS-- SOME KINDA GAG??
IT IS NO HOAX, I ASSURE YOU! I HAVE THE POWER TO SET YOU FREE! AND GIVE YOU A THOUSAND YEARS OF LIFE! AND IN RETURN, YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME ONE SMALL, TRIFLING ITEM!
WHAT'S THAT?
YOUR NAME-- ON A--EH-- CONTRACT!
SAY! I'VE READ ABOUT DEALS LIKE THIS BEFORE! THERE WAS A STORY, "THE DEVIL AND DANIEL WEBSTER"! WAIT! YOU'RE NOT... NOT...
I AM KNOWN BY MANY NAMES! ALL INADEQUATE TO MY--AH--TALENTS! SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT WHEN I PROMISE SOMETHING, I DELIVER!
NOW, MISTER JORDAN, TO CONTINUE WITH OUR BUSINESS...
...IF YOU WILL JUST SIGN THIS CONTRACT, YOUR WISH, YOUR DREAM OF FREEDOM WILL BECOME A REALITY!
I THINK THIS IS ALL A BIG GAG, MAC, BUT WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? SURE, I'LL SIGN YOUR PAPER!
THAT'S IT... WRITE SLOWLY AND LEGIBLY... SO THERE WILL BE NO COMPLAINTS NO RECRIMINATIONS LATER ON!
SURE, PAL ... SURE...!
WHEN I FINISHED, I GAVE THE PAPER BACK TO THE GUY... AND THEN I GOT AN IDEA!
IF I WAS TO KNOCK THIS NUT OUT AND SWITCH CLOTHES WITH HIM, MAYBE I REALLY COULD ESCAPE FROM HERE! IT'S WORTH A TRY, ANYWAY!

WITHOUT ANY WARNING, I LUNGED AT THE GUY!
YOU'RE GONNA HELP ME, PAL--MORE THAN YOU EXPECTED TO!
BUT ALL AT ONCE, HE STARTED TO FADE--RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
HEY! W-WHAT'S HAPPENING--??
IT IS TIME FOR MY DEPARTURE!
OUR CONTRACT WILL BE CARRIED OUT. I SHALL SET YOU FREE FROM PRISON...
... AND YOU WILL LIVE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!!!
H-HE'S GONE!! HE JUST DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR!! BUT HOW--HOW COULD HE, UNLESS--HE REALLY WAS--OH NO! NO, IT CAN'T BE!
SUDDENLY, I FELT THE GROUND SHAKE!! OUTSIDE MY CELL THERE WERE NOISES! PEOPLE WERE YELLING!!
IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!
KEEP CALM! NOBODY'LL GET HURT!
AN EARTHQUAKE?!! CAN THIS BE HIS DOING???
THE QUAKE GREW STRONGER--MORE VIOLENT--AND THEN...
THE WALL IS GIVING WAY--IT'S COLLAPSING!
HE DID IT!! JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD! HE'S FIXED IT FOR ME TO ESCAPE!!

I'M FREE!! AND THERE'S EVEN A FOG, SO I CAN MAKE MY GETAWAY!


I RAN ACROSS A FIELD AND INTO THE WOODS! THEN, I HEARD THE WAIL OF THE PRISON SIREN!
ARRRRRRRR
THEY MUSTA DISCOVERED I'M GONE! THEY'LL BE COMIN' AFTER ME NOW--PROBABLY WITH BLOOD HOUNDS!

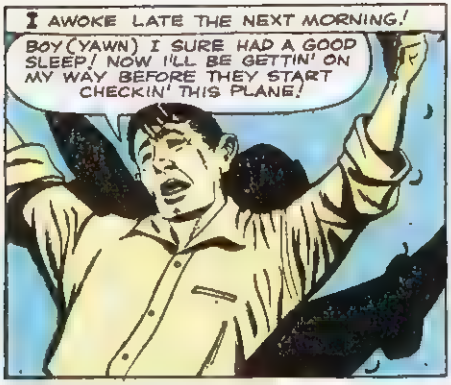
BY THE TIME I REACHED THE END OF THE WOODS, I COULD HEAR THE BAYING OF DOGS BEHIND ME...
THOSE BLASTED HOUNDS'LL FIND ME, EVEN IN THIS PEA SOUP! MAYBE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE I'LL FIND A PLACE TO HIDE!

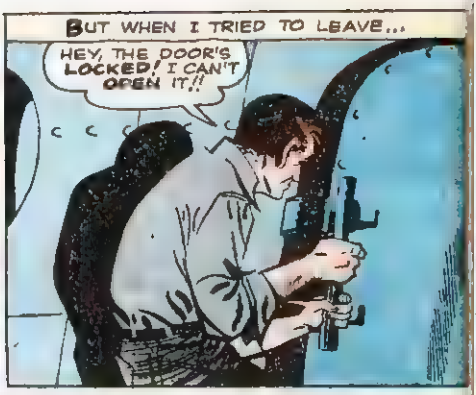

FOG'S SO THICK, I CAN HARDLY MAKE OUT WHERE I AM! LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF AN AIR BASE! WAIT-- I SEE SOMETHING UP AHEAD! IT'S A PLANE! GREAT! I'LL HIDE IN THERE TILL MORNING!

THE GUARDS'LL NEVER THINK OF LOOKING FOR ME INSIDE ONE OF THESE BABIES!
WITH A LITTLE LUCK, I'LL REALLY GET AWAY WITH THIS!

INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT, IT WAS TOO DARK FOR ME TO SEE! I HAD TO FEEL MY WAY ALONG THE SIDES...
I'LL FIND A SOFT SPOT AND SACK OUT TILL MORNING! BY THAT TIME THE GUARDS'LL BE GONE... AND IT'LL BE SAFE FOR ME TO HEAD FOR THE BORDER!

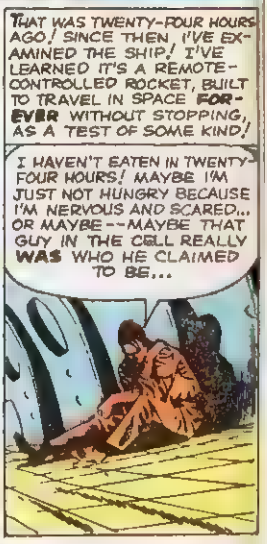
YES SIR! I'M GONNA BE FREE! FREE! JUST LIKE THE MAN SAID! YES SIR... ZZZZZZZZZ

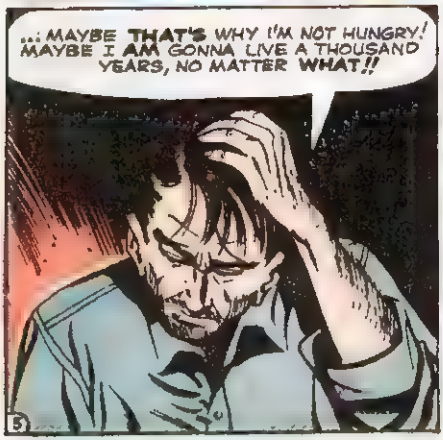

I AWOKE LATE THE NEXT MORNING!
BOY (YAWN) I SURE HAD A GOOD SLEEP! NOW I'LL BE GETTIN' ON MY WAY BEFORE THEY START CHECKIN' THIS PLANE!


BUT WHEN I TRIED TO LEAVE...
HEY, THE DOOR'S LOCKED! I CAN'T OPEN IT!!

I FIGURED MAYBE I COULD GET OUT SOME OTHER WAY! I WENT OVER TO ONE OF THE WINDOWS... BUT THE SECOND I LOOKED OUTSIDE, MY PULSE STOPPED, MY HEART FROZE, AND ALL MY HOPES CAME TO AN END!!
OH NO!! NO!! IT CAN'T BE, IT CAN'T!!

BUT IT WAS TRUE! IT WAS ALL TOO HORRIBLY TRUE! IN THE DARKNESS AND FOG, I HAD MADE THE FATAL MISTAKE OF ENTERING--NOT AN AIRPLANE-- BUT A ROCKET SHIP!!
I MUST BE LEAVIN' EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE ALREADY! I--I FORGOT THERE WAS A MISSILE-TESTING BASE NEARBY!


THAT WAS TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO! SINCE THEN, I'VE EXAMINED THE SHIP! I'VE LEARNED IT'S A REMOTE-CONTROLLED ROCKET, BUILT TO TRAVEL IN SPACE FOREVER WITHOUT STOPPING, AS A TEST OF SOME KIND!
I HAVEN'T EATEN IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! MAYBE I'M JUST NOT HUNGRY BECAUSE I'M NERVOUS AND SCARED... OR MAYBE--MAYBE THAT GUY IN THE CELL REALLY WAS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE...


...MAYBE THAT'S WHY I'M NOT HUNGRY! MAYBE I AM GONNA LIVE A THOUSAND YEARS, NO MATTER WHAT!!
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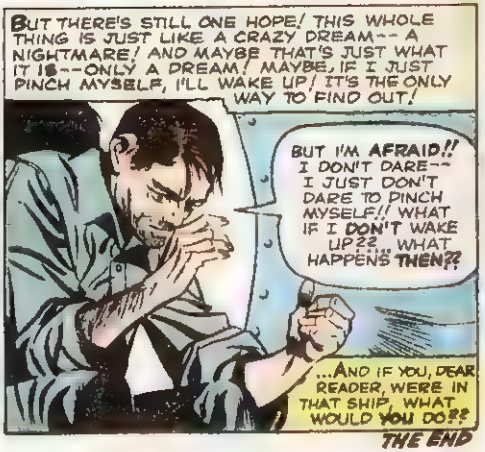
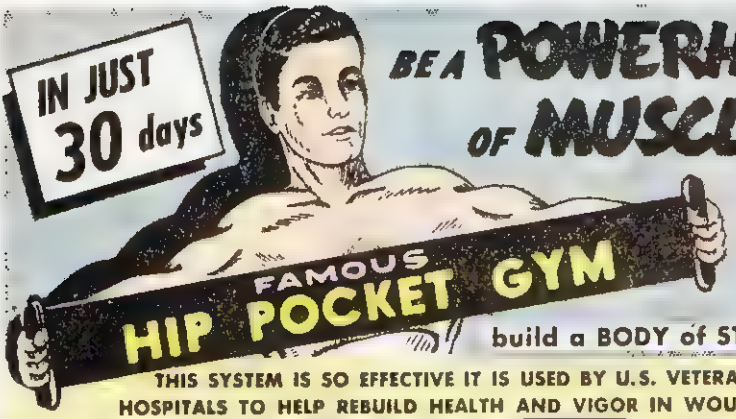

BUT THERE'S STILL ONE HOPE! THIS WHOLE THING IS JUST LIKE A CRAZY DREAM-- A NIGHTMARE! AND MAYBE THAT'S JUST WHAT IT IS--ONLY A DREAM! MAYBE, IF I JUST PINCH MYSELF, I'LL WAKE UP! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT!
BUT I'M AFRAID!! I DON'T DARE-- I JUST DON'T DARE TO PINCH MYSELF!! WHAT IF I DON'T WAKE UP?? ...WHAT HAPPENS THEN??
...AND IF YOU, DEAR READER, WERE IN THAT SHIP, WHAT WOULD YOU DO??
THE END



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of pigeons strutting across the green toward him. He listened intently, but Tony could hear nothing but the occasional beep of a bird.

The old man sighed again. Tony noticed that he wore a small disc over his ear with tiny perforations in it.

"It's no good just having the one," the fellow said, removing the disc and tossing it away. "I lost the other one a few moments ago. Now I'll have to go back and have a new set made before I can continue my research."

"Sounds like your job is awfully important," said Tony.

"There's nothing awful about it," the man snapped impatiently.

"Well, what do you do?" asked Tony, his curiosity getting the better of him.

"What I do is for the birds," the man replied.

"And how do you mean that?" asked Tony.

"I'm the bird census taker," the fellow replied. "I keep track of bird traffic, bird problems. It's no easy matter, especially when I can't get my information any more today."

"Why not?" asked Tony.

"Because my bird-call transmitters are useless to me now!" the man said impatiently. "One just fell out, and the other isn't much good to me by itself, is it?"

"I guess not," Tony admitted quickly. "Do you mean to say that with those little ear plugs, you can understand what the birds say?"

"No question about it," the man told him. He added proudly, "I designed those transmitters myself. They filter out the obstacle plug in the human that makes him insensitive to bird language. I just get so angry when people tell me a tweet is just a tweet. Anyone with good transmitting bird call setup knows that tweet is an authentic word. The meaning of tweet, of course, depends upon the sentence in which the bird uses it."

"Well, if your theory is true," Tony said, "how come the parakeets talk and we can understand them?"

The fellow laughed heartily.

"It's just the beginning, my boy, just the beginning of human beings' ability to understand bird talk. You see, the last conference we had at Bird Borough Hall, the birds decided that if humans weren't able to adjust their ears to bird language, it would have to be the other way around. A few

years from now, don't be surprised if a sparrow walks up to you and says, 'Top of the Morning'. The birds are learning. They're no feathered fools!"

"It's been very nice talking to you," said Tony. "I've got to rush off now."

The fellow was busily scribbling notes. He looked up in annoyance.

"I'm one over," he complained. "The Bird Conference assured me that we would have the figure down to a science this time! Some of those old birds don't know what they're peeping about! Unless . . . oh, bless me, I forgot. The Hot Canary Bird Store made a sale this afternoon of one of our special bird delegates. You see, the parakeets are special delegates, because as I explained, they're making considerable advances in learning human language. It does seem a pity though . . ."

"What does?" asked Tony.

"Well, it would have been so much simpler for the humans to learn bird language. I tried my best to start the program, but they laughed at me."

The fellow shrugged his shoulders and walked off.

Tony picked up the tiny plastic gadget he had dropped and then his eyes caught sight of a similar gadget under a nearby bush. He tried to call after the fellow, but he had already gone.

Tony hung the discs on his ears and suddenly the pigeons' voices became quite real!

"Any peanuts handy, Bud? We sure could use an extra snack."

To Tony's amazement, there were three pigeons circling near him.

"I'm sorry, fellows," he told them, "but the only peanuts I have are home."

Tony rode off on his bicycle. And to his amazement, the pigeons followed him. He fed them in the backyard. After supper that night, his dad helped him rig a coop for them to stay.

All the kids in town would have gladly traded their parakeets for Tony's pigeons. What's more, Tony became an expert on birds and when he grew up, he wrote several books about them.

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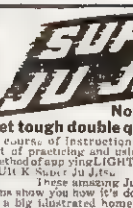

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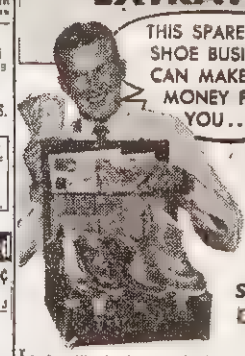

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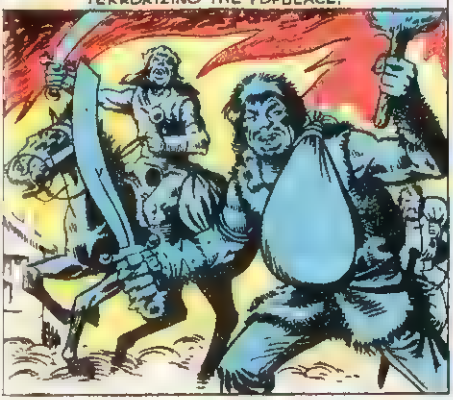
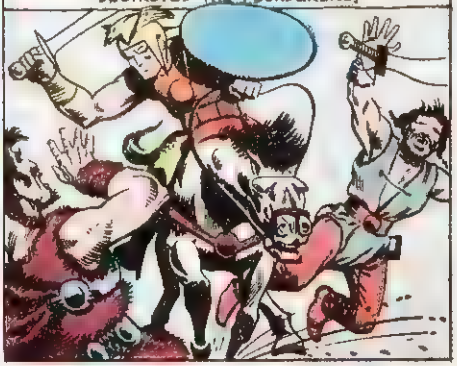
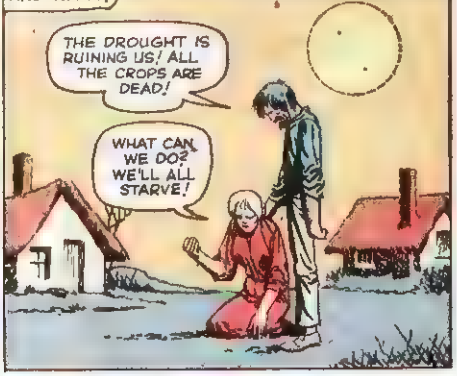


BUT, AS ALWAYS HAPPENS IN HISTORY, FOR EVERY WRONG THERE IS AN AVENGER! AND SO, AGAINST THE EVIL HORDES THERE ROSE ONE MAN... ONE WARRIOR WHO RALLIED THE PEOPLE BEHIND HIM AND DESTROYED THE PLUNDERERS!

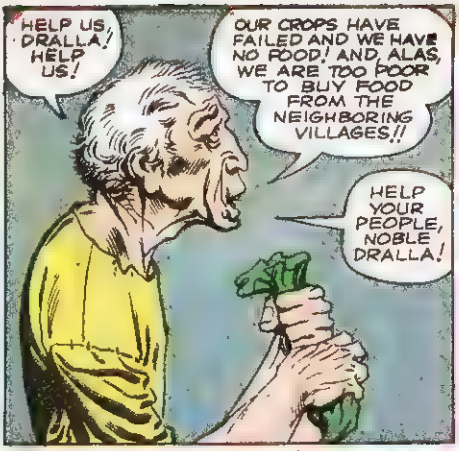


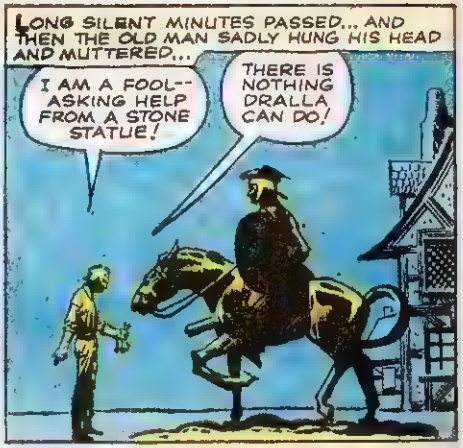
FROM WHENCE HE CAME, NO ONE KNOWS! ALL THAT THE LEGENDS TELL US IS THAT HIS NAME WAS DRALLA, AND HE SAVED HIS LAND FROM THE BARBARIAN! MANY YEARS AGO THE GRATEFUL PEOPLE OF OAKFAST ERECTED THIS STATUE IN HIS HONOR!

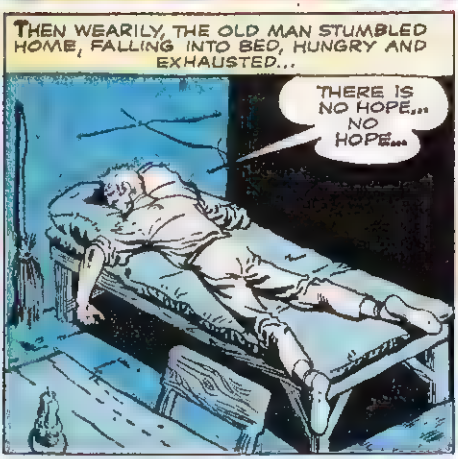
BUT NOW, CENTURIES LATER, THE PEOPLE OF OAKFAST ONCE AGAIN FACED TRAGEDY! THIS TIME, IT WAS OF A DIFFERENT SORT! IT WAS THE TRAGEDY OF HUNGER, AND WANT!

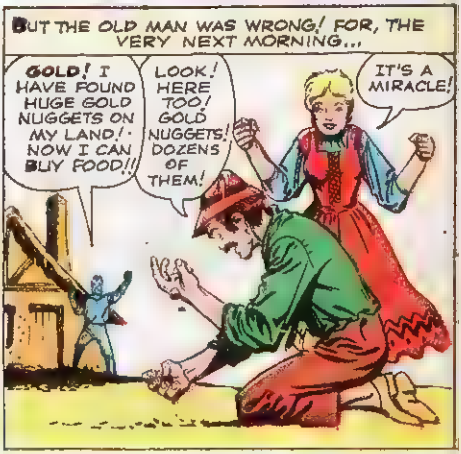


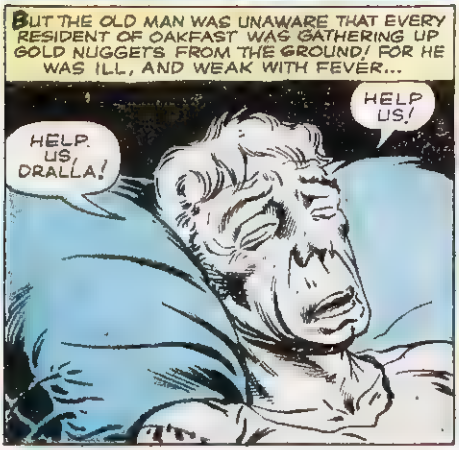
THE PEOPLE OF OAKFAST POOLED THEIR MEAGER FOOD SUPPLY, AND EACH SHARED WITH HIS NEIGHBOR! BUT STILL, THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH... AND SOON, IT WOULD **ALL** BE GONE! AND THEN, ONE MAN HAD AN IDEA...

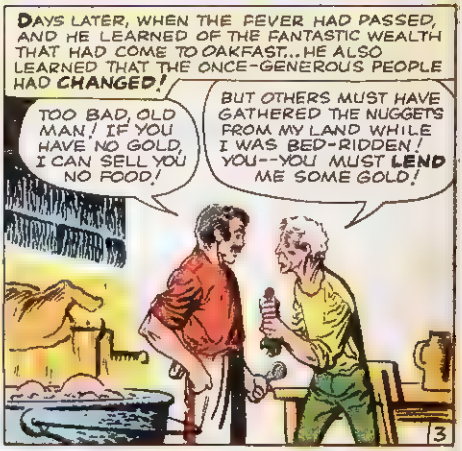

HELP US, DRALLA! HELP US!
OUR CROPS HAVE FAILED AND WE HAVE NO FOOD! AND, ALAS, WE ARE TOO POOR TO BUY FOOD FROM THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGES!!
HELP YOUR PEOPLE, NOBLE DRALLA!


LONG SILENT MINUTES PASSED... AND THEN THE OLD MAN SADLY HUNG HIS HEAD AND MUTTERED...
I AM A FOOL--ASKING HELP FROM A STONE STATUE!
THERE IS NOTHING DRALLA CAN DO!


THEN WEARILY, THE OLD MAN STUMBLED HOME, FALLING INTO BED, HUNGRY AND EXHAUSTED...
THERE IS NO HOPE... NO HOPE...


BUT THE OLD MAN WAS WRONG! FOR, THE VERY NEXT MORNING...
GOLD! I HAVE FOUND HUGE GOLD NUGGETS ON MY LAND! NOW I CAN BUY FOOD!!
LOOK! HERE TOO! GOLD NUGGETS! DOZENS OF THEM!
IT'S A MIRACLE!


BUT THE OLD MAN WAS UNAWARE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF OAKFAST WAS GATHERING UP GOLD NUGGETS FROM THE GROUND! FOR HE WAS ILL, AND WEAK WITH FEVER...
HELP US!
HELP US, DRALLA!


DAYS LATER, WHEN THE FEVER HAD PASSED, AND HE LEARNED OF THE FANTASTIC WEALTH THAT HAD COME TO OAKFAST...HE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE ONCE-GENEROUS PEOPLE HAD CHANGED!
TOO BAD, OLD MAN! IF YOU HAVE NO GOLD, I CAN SELL YOU NO FOOD!
BUT OTHERS MUST HAVE GATHERED THE NUGGETS FROM MY LAND WHILE I WAS BED-RIDDEN! YOU--YOU MUST LEND ME SOME GOLD!
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WHEREVER HE WENT, THE ANSWER WAS THE SAME...
BEGONE, OLD MAN! WE ARE ALL PROSPEROUS IN OAKFAST NOW! WE HAVE NO PLACE HERE FOR PAUPERS SUCH AS YOU! IF YOU DO NOT PAY YOUR MORTGAGE BY NIGHTFALL, WE WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR FARM! NOW LEAVE ME! I HAVE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO ATTEND TO!
BANK
YOU--YOU CAN'T MEAN IT!! NOT MY FARM--
HONORABLE MAYOR! CANNOT THE VILLAGE GIVE ME SOME GOLD, ALSO... IT IS NOT MY FAULT THAT I WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY... I-I'M SO HUNGRY...
SILENCE, OLD MAN! FROM THIS DAY ON, BEGGING IS FORBIDDEN IN OAKFAST!
WE WANT NO SUCH PENNILESS PAUPERS IN OUR TOWN! THERE IS NO PLACE HERE IN OAKFAST FOR YOU, OLD MAN!
WHEN I BEGGED DRALLA FOR HELP... I DID NOT DREAM... I DID NOT DREAM IT WOULD BE ...THUS!!
SUDDENLY...!!
BARROOOM!
HEAR ME, MORTALS!! HEAR THE JUDGEMENT OF DRALLAS!
THE STATUE!! IT LIVES!!
D-DRALLAS!!
4

IT WAS I, WHO GAVE YOU THE GIFT OF GOLD!! YEA, BECAUSE OF THE PLEA OF YON OLD MAN!! YON OLD MAN WHO HAD FAITH IN ME... AND WHO SO LOVED HIS VILLAGE THAT HE IMPLORED ME AID ALL WHO LIVE HERE!
BUT NOW YOU TURN AWAY FROM HIM WHO NEEDS YOU!! YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF YOUR GOLD!
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OH NO!! NO! WHAT WILL BECOME OF US NOW!
I CARE NOT WHAT BECOMES OF ANY, SAVE THIS MAN!! IT IS HE WHOM I SHALL TAKE WITH ME, FOR IN THIS PLACE I WILL NO LONGER REMAIN!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE! THEY'RE FLYING INTO THE SKY! THEY--THEY'RE ALMOST OUT OF SIGHT!!
WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED FROM!! NO CROPS! NO WEALTH! NOTHING!
LESS THAN NOTHING! FOR WE HAVE LOST DRALLAS, AS WELL!
MY HEART IS SINGING AND MY SOUL IS JOYOUS, GREAT DRALLAS! BUT WHAT OF THEM? WHAT OF THOSE WHO REMAIN BEHIND?
WASTE NO PITY ON THEM, OLD MAN! THEY HAD THEIR CHANCE... WHAT MORE CAN MORTALS ASK?
AS FOR YOU -- THE ONLY ONE OF ALL WHO WAS UNSELFISH, THERE ARE GREAT THINGS IN STORE FOR YOU... FOR SUCH, OLD MAN, IS THE REWARD FOR FAITH!
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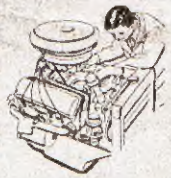

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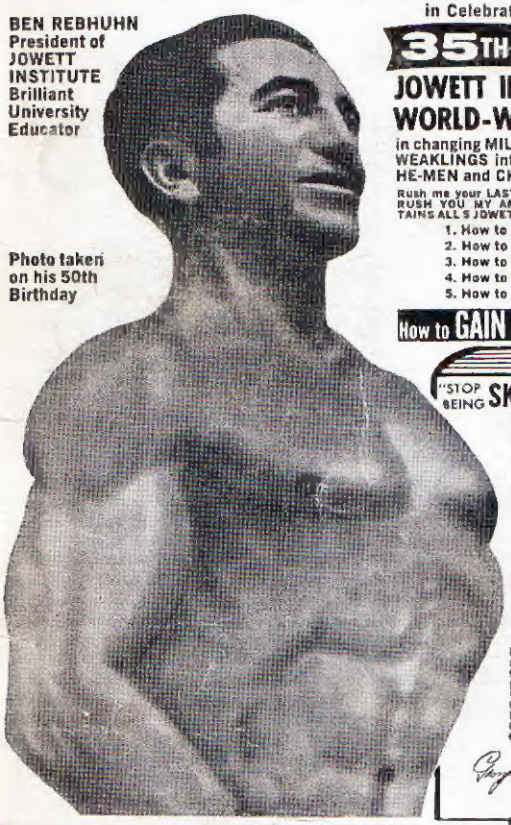

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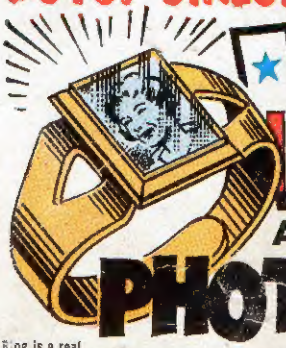

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